

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Mary M. Gregg
Victor F. Germack)	
	:	TC/Art Unit: 4124
Application No.: 10/621,916)	
	:	Confirmation No: 2564
Filed: July 17, 2003	:	
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For: Methods And Systems For Rating	:	
Financial Reporting Of Public)	
Companies And Rating The	:	
Performance Of Accounting Firms)	January 8, 2008

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In the Office Action, the Examiner requires a restriction to one of the following inventions, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121:

- Invention I: Claims 17-21, drawn to a method of rating the performance of an accounting firm, classified in class 705, subclass 007.
- Invention II: Claim 1-11, drawn to a method of rating financial reporting of public companies, classified in class 705, subclass 035.
- Invention III: Claims 12-16, drawn to method of rating quality of earnings and accounting grading for a company, classified in class 705, subclass 030..

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Invention II, Claims 1-11, in the above-captioned application.

This election is being made to expedite prosecution. Applicants takes no position concerning the correctness of the Examiner's assertions in the Office Action.

Please charge any required fees to deposit account number 501358.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached by telephone at (973) 597-2500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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